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REMEMBER
THE
ALAMO!

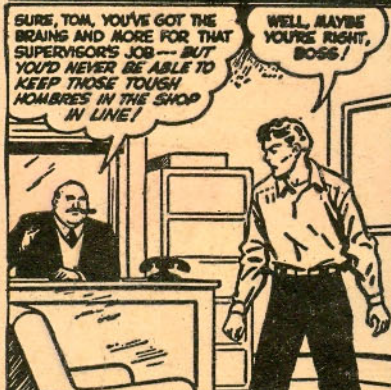
Remember THE ALAMO!
AN ANCIENT WAR-
CRY ECHOES DOWN THE
CORRIDORS OF TIME ---
INTO THE PRESENT!
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"The DAVY CROCKETT
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IT'S A DIFFICULT THING TO SEPARATE FOLK LORE FROM FACT...MAYBE BECAUSE PEOPLE BELIEVE WHAT THEY WANT TO BELIEVE! THERE'S NO BETTER PROOF OF THIS THAN THE SERIES OF STRANGE LEGENDS WHICH HAVE DRIFTED DOWN TO US FOR OVER A CENTURY...GAINING RENEWED IMPETUS FROM AN AMAZING HAPPENING DURING WORLD WAR II! HERE IT IS, THE INCREDIBLE STORY MEN CALL...

"The DAVY CROCKETT MYSTERY!"



IT WAS THE YEAR 1944...AS LT. GENERAL ROCKY McDOUGAL, COMMANDER OF THE PACIFIC ARENA, WINGED HIS WAY BACK FROM AN INSPECTION TOUR...

WISH WE WERE BACK AT THE BASE, SIR! THE JAPS ARE TOO THICK IN THESE PARTS TO SUIT ME!

ALWAYS WORRYING, BOB! WE HAVEN'T SPOTTED ONE OF THEIR PLANES AROUND HERE FOR WEEKS!



IT CAME WITH COMPLETE SUDDENNESS WHEN...



CRIPPLED BY THE FIRST BURST, THE AMERICAN PLANE PLUMMETED TOWARDS A NEARBY ISLAND IN A DRAMATIC CRASH LANDING...



HEADQUARTERS PICKED UP THE S.O.S. FROM THE WRECKED CRAFT AND ALERTED THE NEAREST AMERICAN TROOPS...

LUCKY OUR ATOLL WASN'T FAR AWAY! GENERAL McDUGAL HIMSELF... **WOW!** IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO HIM, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BODY BLOW TO OUR WAR EFFORT!

WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN HIM OUT YET! IF THERE ARE JAPS ON THAT ISLAND, WE MAY BE IN FOR A **FIGHT!** BUT WE'D BE WORSE OFF IF A FEW REPLACEMENTS HADN'T COME IN LAST NIGHT!



YOU'RE ONE OF THE NEW REPLACEMENTS, EH, SOLDIER? SOME INITIATION! JUST COME IN, AND **WHAM!** **ACTION!**

MISTER... THAT'S WHAT I **CRAVE!**



THEY LANDED, AND LOCATED THEIR COMMANDER ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE SEARCH...

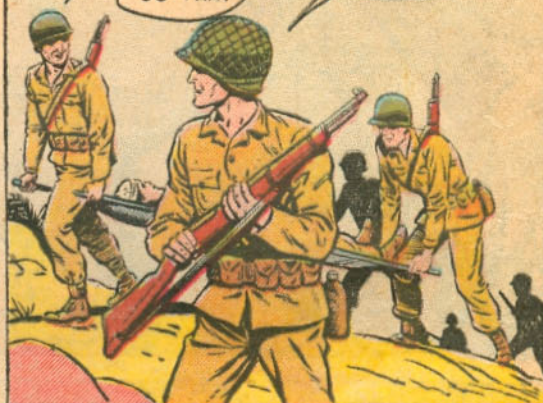
OUR LANDING CRAFT'S FAIRLY DISTANT, SIR! IT'LL MEAN SOME HARD CLIMBING OVER THE RIDGE, CONSIDERING WE'LL BE MOVING INJURED MEN!

I KNOW I COULDN'T TRUST MYSELF TO BETTER HANDS, LIEUTENANT! **LET'S GO!**



WELL, SOLDIER, LOOKS AS IF WE'RE GETTIN' OUTA THIS WITH BELLS ON! NO SIGN O' NIPS SO FAR!

I AIN'T SO SHORE! THIS CHILE RECKON HE SMELLS **TROUBLE!**



WHOEVER HE WAS, THE TALL GI WAS RIGHT! FOR NEXT MOMENT... STRIKING FROM AMBUSH...

BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

BANZAI!



THERE COULD BE BUT ONE STRATEGY... **RETREAT!** FOR THE YANKS WERE OUTMANNED... AND THE COMMANDER ENDANGERED...

YOU THERE... **COME ON!** WE... WE NEED EVERY MAN IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO MAKE IT!

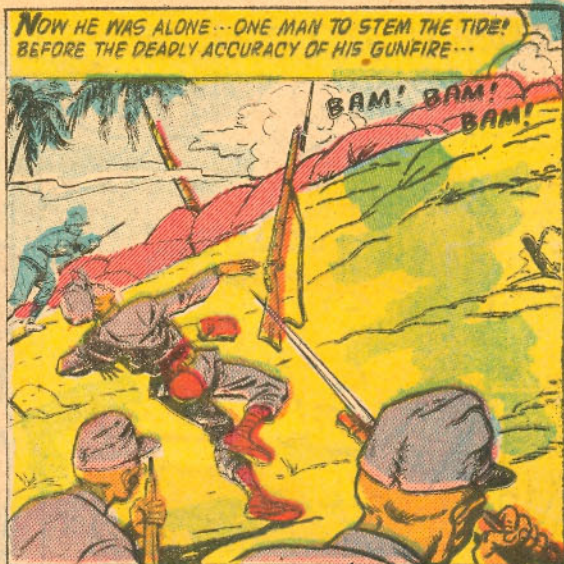
HERE'S **ONE** HOMBRE YUH'RE GITTIN' ALONG **WITHOUT** MISTER! ME, I'M STAYIN' **HERE!**





RECKON I KIN HOLD 'EM BACK FROM HERE FER AWHILE---MEBBE UNTIL YUH KIN GET THE GENERAL OFF!

FELLA, I NEVER HAD TIME TO GET TO KNOW YOU---BUT YOU'RE ALL MAN!



NOW HE WAS ALONE...ONE MAN TO STEM THE TIDE! BEFORE THE DEADLY ACCURACY OF HIS GUNFIRE...

BAM! BAM! BAM!



THIS SHOOTIN'-STICK AIN'T EXACTLY LIKE OL' BETSY---BUT SHE'LL DO!

THE FOLLOWING DAY SAW AMERICAN INVAGION BARGES HEADING TOWARDS THE ISLAND IN FORCE...

IT'S HIGH TIME THOSE JAPS WERE CLEARED OUT OF THERE---AND NOW WE'VE GOT THE MANPOWER TO DO IT!

I---I KEEP THINKING OF THE MAN WE LEFT BEHIND THERE YESTERDAY... AND HOPING FOR A MIRACLE...



BUT THE MIRACLE WASN'T FORTHCOMING! INSTEAD THEY FOUND...



THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY IT COULD END---BUT LOOK AT THE JAPS HE TOOK WITH HIM! IT'S---MONUMENTAL!

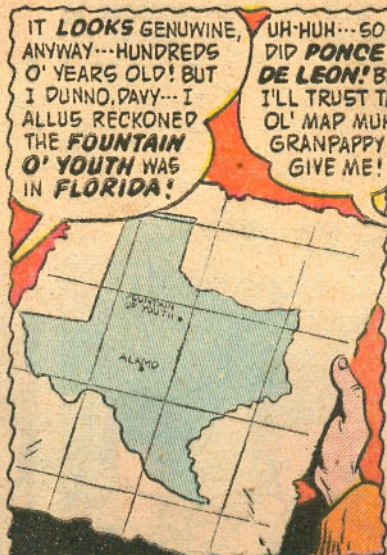
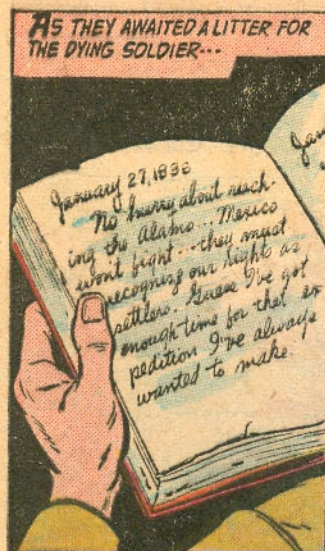
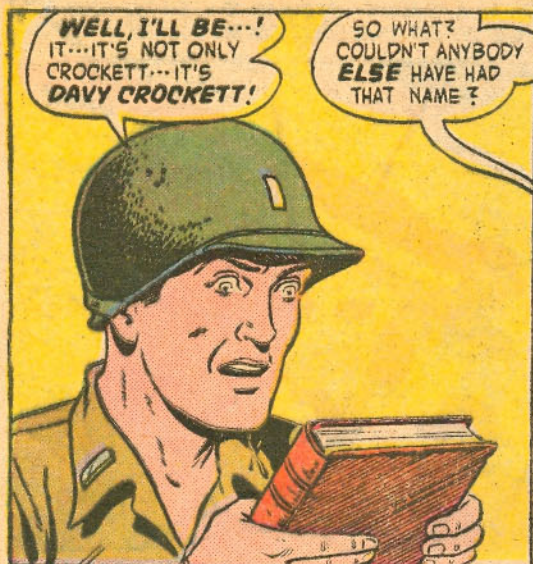


WAIT---I SAW HIS EYELID TWITCH! HE'S BEEN BEATEN DOWN---SHOT REPEATEDLY---BUT HE'S NOT DEAD YET!

WHAT MANNER OF MAN WAS THIS, TO WITHSTAND WHAT SHOULD HAVE SPELLED INSTANT DEATH A HUNDRED TIMES OVER? IT WAS THEN THAT THEY NOTED THE OLD, TATTERED BOOK CLUTCHED IN HIS HAND---

HMMM---LOOKS LIKE THE FELLA KEPT A DIARY! THE NAME'S LOCKETT, OR CROCKETT, OR SOMETHING!





THEN... A SAVAGE
ONSLAUGHT!

KI-YI-YI-YI!

INJUNS!
TAKE COVER
AN' FIGHT!

I GUESS THEY
WERE JUST YOUNG
BRAVES, FEELIN' THEIR
OATS! TOO BAD...

A CHANCE? ONLY ONE
MORTALLY-WOUNDED REDSKIN
ESCAPED--WHILE THE OTHERS FELL
PREY TO DAVY'S INCREDIBLE
MARKSMANSHIP!

BUT HIS FRIEND FELL BEFORE A WAR ARROW... LEAVING DAVY
TO CARRY ON THE UNEQUAL FIGHT ALONE...

BAM!

BAM!

LONG'S OL'
BETSY HOLDS
OUT---RECKON
I GOT A
CHANCE!

BUT THEN, BEFORE HIS EYES... AN INCREDIBLE
CHANGE!

JUMPIN' COYOTES!
THEY... THEY'VE TURNED
INTUH OLD MEN!

THERE WAS ONLY ONE HOPE OF SOLVING THE PUZZLE
OF THE ANCIENT INDIANS, AND THAT WAS TO FOLLOW
THE TRAIL OF THE WOUNDED MAN...

JUDGIN' FROM
THE BLOOD HE'S
LOSIN', THE HOMBRE'S
DYIN'! HE HASN'T
GOT A CHANCE...

BUT THE STRICKEN REDSKIN HAD FOUND HELP! EVEN AS THE
SIGNS OF INCREDIBLE AGE SPREAD OVER HIS FACE...

QUICK, BEFORE
THE GREAT SPIRIT
CLAIMS HIM!

THEY CARRIED HIM TO A CRYSTAL-CLEAR FOUNTAIN
DEEP WITHIN THE CAVE...SUPPORTED HIM AS HE
DRANK WEAKLY...



SO THAT'S IT!
ANYWAY, THE STORY ABOUT
THE FOUNTAIN WAS TRUE!
BETTER SNEAK OUT CAREFUL-
LIKE...BEFORE THOSE
VARMINTS SPOT
ME!

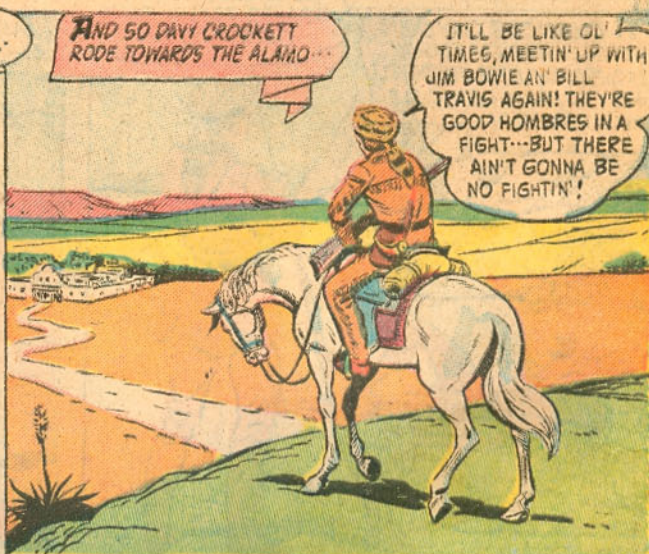


AND AS HE SWALLOWED,
SOMETHING STRANGE AND
AMAZING HAPPENED! ONCE
MORE HIS FACE GREW
YOUNG...HE GAINED
STRENGTH...



AND SO DAVY CROCKETT
RODE TOWARDS THE ALAMO...

IT'LL BE LIKE OL'
TIMES, MEETIN' UP WITH
JIM BOWIE AN' BILL
TRAVIS AGAIN! THEY'RE
GOOD HOMBRES IN A
FIGHT...BUT THERE
AIN'T GONNA BE
NO FIGHTIN'!



BUT HE WAS **WRONG**! FEBRUARY BROUGHT AN
INVASION IN FORCE...AS 4,000 MEXICANS, UNDER
GENERAL SANTA ANNA, MARCHED ON THE ALAMO!
THEIR OBJECTIVE...TOTAL DESTRUCTION!

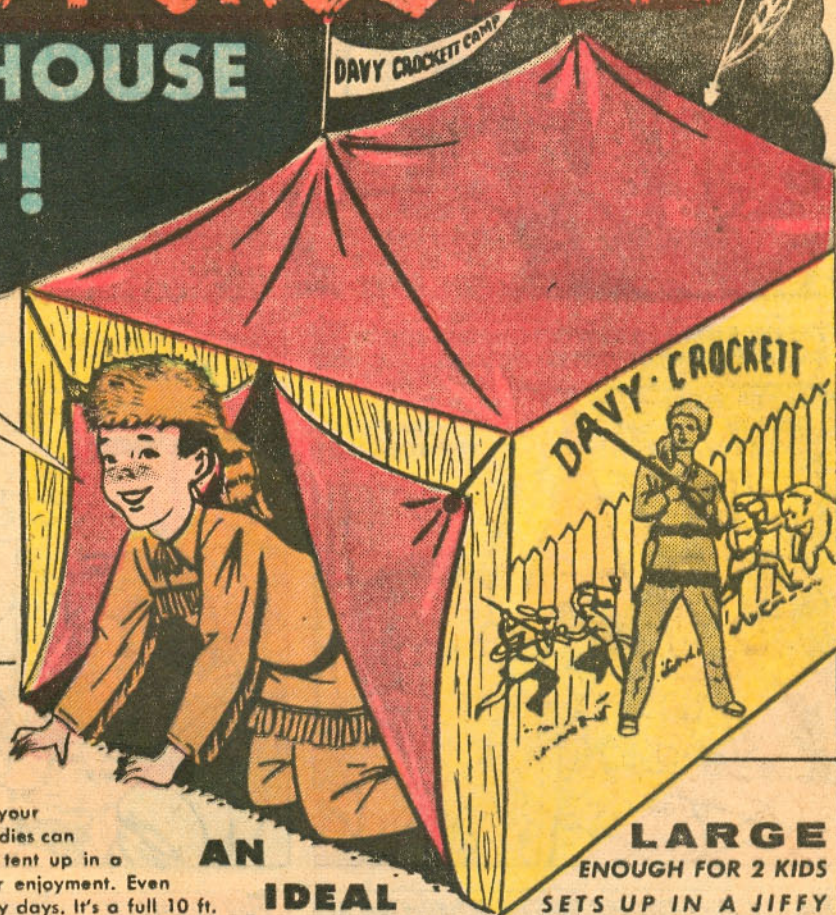


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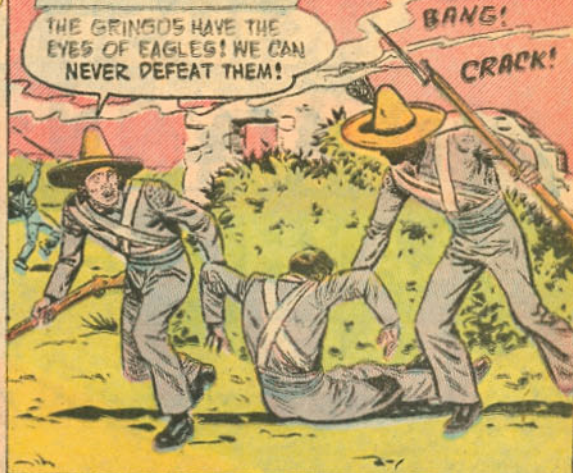
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IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A GRUELING 13-DAY SIEGE, LASTING FROM FEBRUARY 23RD TO MARCH 6TH, 1836! LED BY THE DAUNTLESS DAVEY CROCKETT, 180 OUTHUMBERED TEXANS FOUGHT ON BRAVELY...



BUT FOR EVERY MAN OF THE ALAMO'S HEROIC GARRISON THAT FELL, THE MEXICANS PAID DEARLY! OVER 500 OF THEM PAID THE PRICE...



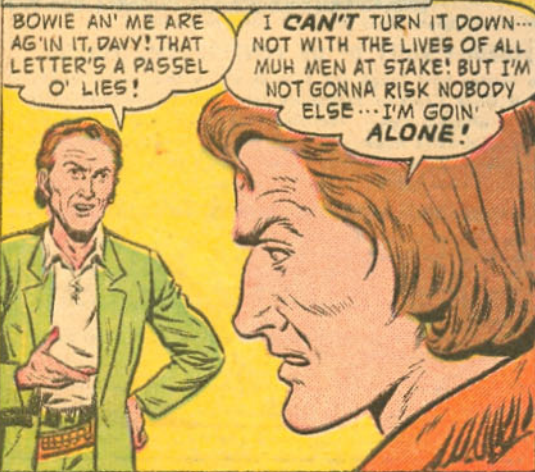
THE EVIL SANTA ANNA KNEW THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE, AND QUICKLY...



AND SO HE SENT AN EMISSARY INTO THE ALAMO UNDER A FLAG OF TRUCE, BEARING A PERSONAL LETTER TO COLONEL CROCKETT! IN IT, HE ADMITTED THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF EVER TAKING THE ALAMO...



THE MEXICAN PROPOSED MEETING IMMEDIATELY AT A NEUTRAL SPOT HALFWAY BETWEEN THE ALAMO AND THE MEXICAN LINES FOR THE SIGNING...



AND SO DAVEY CROCKETT RODE OUT OF THE ALAMO... LITTLE KNOWING THE BLACK TREACHERY HE FACED...



THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE LEADERS WENT OFF SWIMMINGLY...

SANTA ANNA'S ALL SMILES! THINGS MUST BE GOIN' FINE!

WE'LL BE OUTA HERE PRONTO! DAVY'LL FIX THINGS!

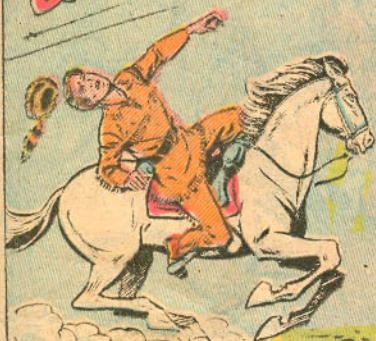


THE TRUCE WAS SIGNED! HAPPILY, COLONEL CROCKETT HEADED BACK TOWARDS HIS COMRADES... UNAWARE THAT...



THE BEST SHARPSHOOTER IN SANTA ANNA'S ARMY TOOK AIM... AND FIRED!

BAM!



THE NEXT MOMENT, CONCEALING SHRUBBERY WAS SWEEPED ASIDE... AND HIDDEN ARTILLERY BLASTED AWAY AT THE TEXANS CLUSTERED IN THE OPENED GATES OF THE ALAMO!

BOOM!



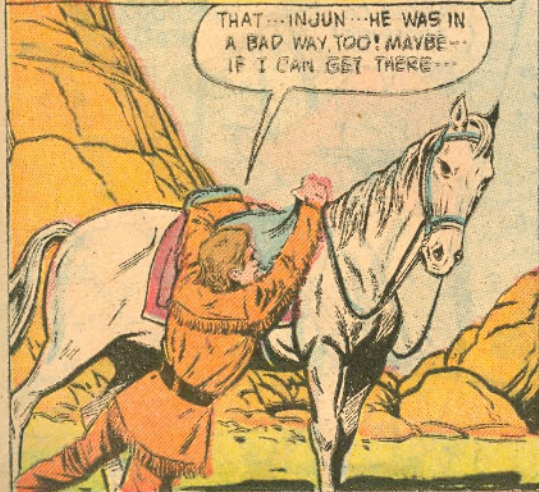
THE ALAMO NEVER RECOVERED FROM THIS TREACHEROUS BLOW! IT FELL... AND EVERY BRAVE DEFENDER MET DEATH! BUT AT THE HEIGHT OF THE BATTLE, DAVY CROCKETT RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS...

THEY'RE... BEIN' WIPED OUT... AND I CAN'T HELP 'EM! I'M... TERRIBLY WOUNDED... DYIN'...

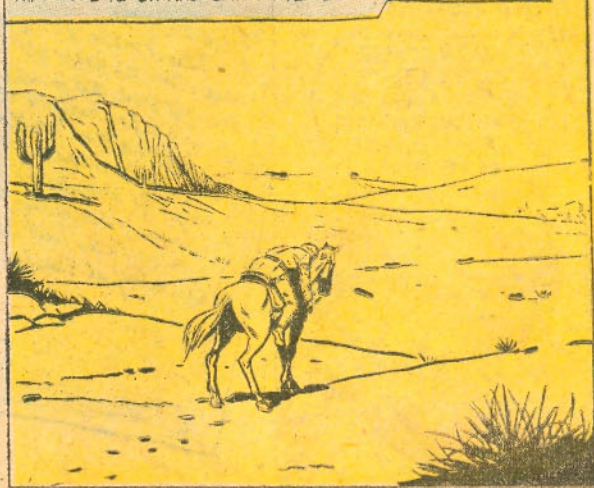


HE HAD BARELY ENOUGH STRENGTH TO CALL TO HIS HORSE... TO PULL HIMSELF WEAKLY INTO THE SADDLE...

THAT... INJUN... HE WAS IN A BAD WAY, TOO! MAYBE... IF I CAN GET THERE...



HE RODE AWAY... REMEMBERING A MORTALLY-INJURED BRAVE... A LIFE-RESTORING FOUNTAIN THAT MIGHT ENABLE HIM TO LIVE ON AND GAIN REVENGE...

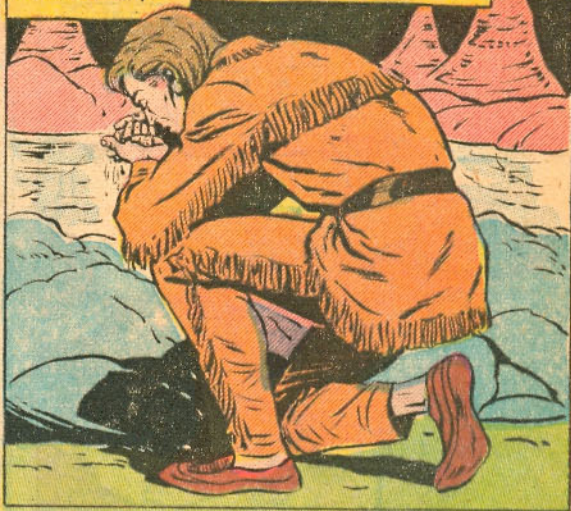


HOW HE MADE IT HE NEVER KNEW, BUT...

GOT TO... REACH IT! CAN'T GIVE UP... NOW...



HE DRANK... AND FELT A NEW STRENGTH SURGING THROUGH HIM!



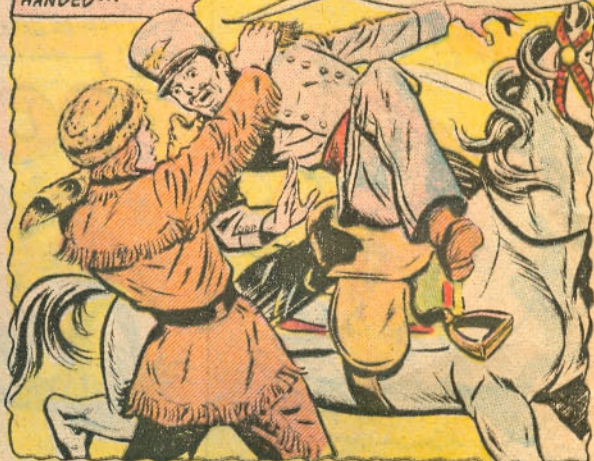
HE COULD FIGHT NOW... HE COULD AVENGE HIS COMRADES! AND ON APRIL 21ST, 1836, IT WAS HIS RALLYING CRY THAT TURNED THE TIDE AGAINST SANTA ANNA AT THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO!

REMEMBER THE ALAMO!



FIGHTING LIKE A DEMON, HE CAPTURED SANTA ANNA SINGLE-HANDED...

NO, NO... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'RE DEAD... YOU'RE DEAD...



I... I CAN'T HELP IT, COLONEL... BUT THIS DIARY HAS THE STAMP OF UNMISTAKABLE TRUTH ABOUT IT!

NONSENSE, LIEUTENANT! IT'S EITHER A HOAX, OR THE MAN'S INSANE! ER... SEE WHAT ELSE HE HAS TO SAY!



June 29, 1898
I can hardly believe the year. I'm 112 years old... the draught from that fountain 62 years ago has kept me alive and young. I'm still avenging my comrades... that's why I've enlisted in the Spanish-American War. I'm with the First Volunteer Cavalry at Santiago...

THE MEN ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT SPOILED RATIONS, COL. ROOSEVELT!

THEY'VE GOT A RIGHT TO COMPLAIN! OH, IF ONLY WE HAD SOME GOOD FRESH MEAT!



SILENTLY, A TALL SOLDIER ROSE FROM BESIDE A CAMPFIRE...AND HEADED FOR THE WOODS!



YOU, THERE! THOSE WOODS ARE DANGEROUS...THERE ARE WILD ANIMALS! COME BACK!

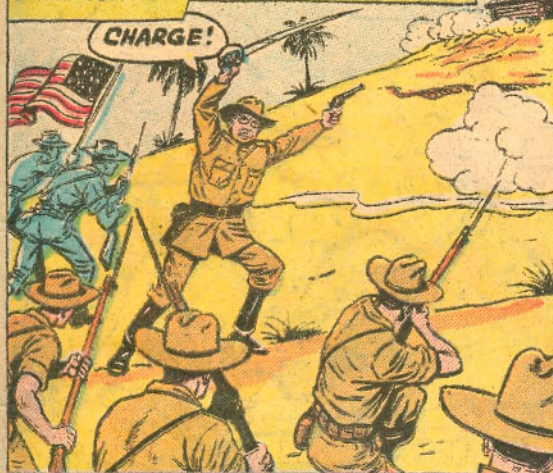
WHEN HE RETURNED...

SURE WE NEEDED FRESH MEAT...BUT I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR A SHOT!



I DIDN'T WANNA SHOOT, COLONEL ROOSEVELT...WHY TELL THE ENEMY WHERE WE'RE AT? SO I JUST NATURALLY GRINNED THIS B*AR DOWN OUTTA A TREE!

THEN CAME THE BATTLE OF SAN JUAN HILL! IT WAS TEDDY ROOSEVELT THAT HEADED THE GREAT CHARGE UP THE SLOPE...



CHARGE!

...BUT IT WAS DAVY CROCKETT'S DEADLY FIGHTING AND INSPIRED BATTLE CRY WHICH WON THE DAY!



REMEMBER THE ALAMO!

BANG!

BANG!

ONE THING YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT...THIS LAD OF OURS HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR! FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH...ALAMO...SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR...

THERE'S MORE IN HERE...BUT I'M NOT LAUGHING! LOOK...



It's hard to keep up with the way time is passing, and to believe that this is 1914. It's another war now...once again I'm fighting typhants, in the memory of my long dead comrades. These look bad...the Germans are only 14 miles from Paris...

WE NEED MANPOWER THERE TO PREVENT A COMPLETE BREAKTHROUGH!

THERE ARE TROOPS HERE IN PARIS...BUT NO TRANSPORT TO MOVE THEM TO THE FRONT IN TIME!

MEBBE YUH LACK REGULAR ARMY TRANSPORT--BUT WHO SAYS YUH GOTTA USE THAT?





WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

NEVER MIND ALL THAT! YUH GOTTA MOVE YORE MEN, RIGHT? WELL... WHAT'S WRONG WITH TAXICABS?



"THOSE OLD TAXICABS?" THEY SPUTTERED. **"THE MAN'S MAD!"** BUT THE VERY DARING OF THE IDEA CARRIED THE DAY! PARIS CONSCRIPTED ITS CABS... AND THE STRANGEST DASH OF ALL TIME GOT UNDER WAY!

LET'S GO!



ONWARD CHUGGED THE ANCIENT VEHICLES...BRINGING FIGHTING MEN TO STEM THE TIDE...TO HURL BACK THE HUNS' WAR MACHINE...



ONCE AGAIN IT WAS **DAVY CROCKETT** WHO LED THE WAY...BATTLING FOR JUSTICE...

REMEMBER THE **ALAMO**!



AND NOW WE HAVE THE **SECOND WORLD WAR**...WHICH BRINGS US UP TO DATE! **DAVY CROCKETT**! WHY, I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING MORE RIDICULOUS IN MY LIFE!

THEN WAIT TILL YOU SEE **THIS**!



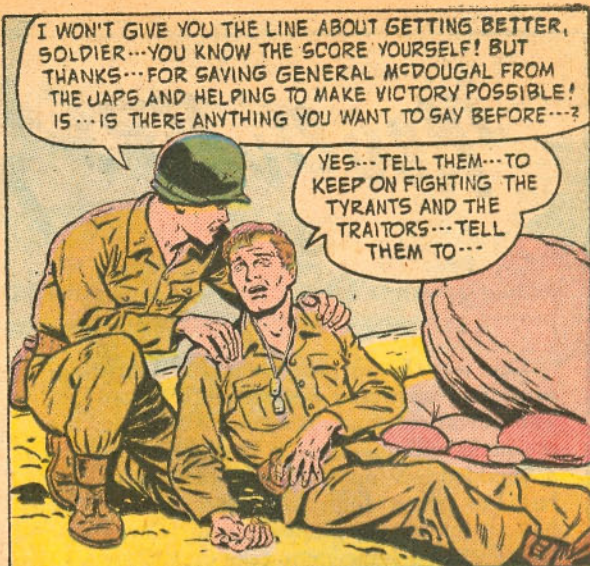
HUH? IT...IT'S A **COONSKIN HAT**!

AN **OLD ONE**, COLONEL! ONE WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORN AS LONG AGO AS THE **ALAMO**...AND PROBABLY WAS!



“RIDICULOUS!
WHAT DOES **THAT** PROVE
...EXCEPT THAT THE MAN
WAS DAFT, TOUCHED ON
THE SUBJECT OF DAVY
CROCKETT?

“QUIET, COLONEL!
HE...HE SEEMS TO
BE REGAINING
CONSCIOUSNESS!



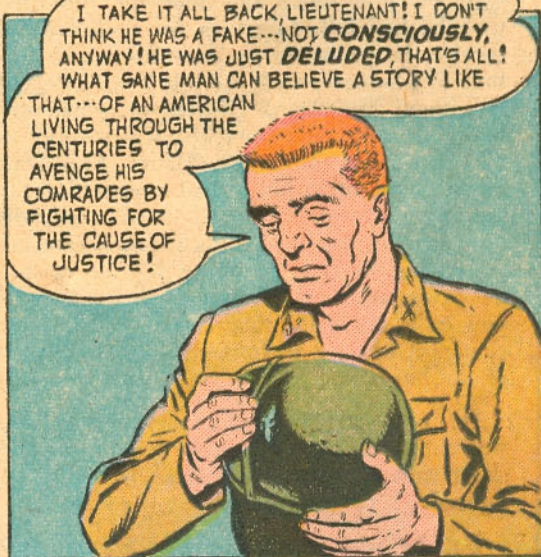
I WON'T GIVE YOU THE LINE ABOUT GETTING BETTER,
SOLDIER...YOU KNOW THE SCORE YOURSELF! BUT
THANKS...FOR SAVING GENERAL MCDUGAL FROM
THE JAPS AND HELPING TO MAKE VICTORY POSSIBLE!
IS...IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY BEFORE...?

YES...TELL THEM...TO
KEEP ON FIGHTING THE
TYRANTS AND THE
TRAITORS...TELL
THEM TO...



...REMEMBER
... THE ALAMO...

**HE'S...
GONE!**

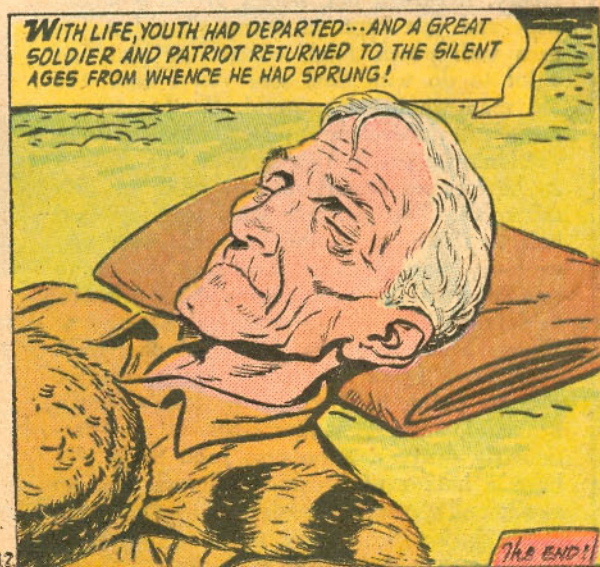


I TAKE IT ALL BACK, LIEUTENANT! I DON'T
THINK HE WAS A FAKE...NOT CONSCIOUSLY,
ANYWAY! HE WAS JUST DELUDED, THAT'S ALL!
WHAT SANE MAN CAN BELIEVE A STORY LIKE
THAT...OF AN AMERICAN
LIVING THROUGH THE
CENTURIES TO
AVENGE HIS
COMRADES BY
FIGHTING FOR
THE CAUSE OF
JUSTICE!



...AND THAT BUSINESS
OF THE FOUNTAIN OF
YOUTH, ALLOWING A MAN
TO LIVE FOR CENTURIES...
AND BECOME OLD ONLY
WHEN HE DIES VIOLENTLY...

GREAT
HEAVENS!
LOOK AT
HIM!



WITH LIFE, YOUTH HAD DEPARTED...AND A GREAT
SOLDIER AND PATRIOT RETURNED TO THE SILENT
AGES FROM WHENCE HE HAD SPRUNG!

THE END!

Never BREAK a MIRROR!

"Wanted: Young man without family ties willing to invest all his time and efforts in project guaranteed to return millions."

This was the advertisement that John Ransome had answered some twenty years ago. The advertiser was old Henry Armistead, the eccentric millionaire, who lived by himself in a tumbledown mansion. He seemed on his last legs when John first saw him, and he had an interesting proposition to offer. Briefly, he wanted someone to take care of him, to wait on him hand and foot for the little time he had left. In return for such faithful service, he promised to leave his entire fortune to whomever took the job. John accepted it without hesitation. The old man had nobody but a distant cousin who was wealthy in his own right. Moreover, Henry Armistead might be eccentric, but he had a reputation for keeping his word. "I'll make out my will right now, leaving you everything if you'll care for me during my few remaining days on earth," he promised. "I'll show you the will—and you have my word that I won't destroy or change it as long as you live up to *your* part of the bargain!"

He produced the will, then, and John was satisfied. It was a huge reward for the short time in which he'd have to serve, he figured.

But he was wrong—terribly wrong. Old Henry, it turned out, had a greedy hold on life—and just kept on living! The faithfulness with which John worked for him had a lot to do with that, and you'd think the old man would be grateful. But his was a mean and malevolent nature. He figured John wouldn't walk out with so much at stake—so he lost no opportunity to make his life miserable. Not satisfied with working him half to death, he twitted and harassed him in every possible way. Learning that John was superstitious, particularly about mirrors, he'd taunt him with a continual barrage of "Never break a mirror, John! It's bad luck, see? *Never break a mirror!*" And to emphasize his point, he'd waggle in John's face a beautiful, antique hand mirror. It was particularly distressing because John really *did* have a horror of breaking mirrors. But he swallowed his suffering—just as he swallowed much during the twenty years in which he served Henry Armistead faithfully.

And now, after twenty years of slavery, he was free. His malignant master was dead at last, having lived far beyond what John had expected when he entered his service. Now he would reap his reward—the Armistead millions! But then—something terrible happened. The will—it was *nowhere to be found!* Oh, the old man had lived up to his promise, to be sure. Hadn't he made out his will, naming John as sole heir, and shown it to him? And being a man of his word, he probably hadn't destroyed or changed it—just placed it where it would never be found, that was all! The motivation? Meanness . . . malevolence! And now the distant cousin, as the sole surviving relative, would inherit all. "Be at my office this afternoon at 2," the lawyer phoned. "You'll have to hand over the keys to the heir!"

So he was to be cast out, a pauper, after all these years. What a fool he'd been, to be taken in by lying promises! Griefstricken, he wandered into the old man's room, to make one last, despairing search for the will—but it was fruitless. He turned to leave, but stopped as he caught sight of Henry Armistead's portrait on the wall. How the eyes seemed to burn into his, mocking him! Suddenly, he was seized by a blind hatred; the feeling that he had to *throw* something at that hated face! He picked up the first object at hand—the old man's antique hand mirror. And in memory, the nagging accents returned to him. "Never break a mirror, John! It's bad luck, see? *Never break a mirror!*" How Armistead had tortured him for his superstition, knowing that John *wouldn't* break mirrors! But how did it stand *now*? He'd never broken a mirror—had his luck been *good*? Gritting his teeth, the sweat standing out on his brow, he flung the mirror blindly—straight towards the old man's portrait!

It was 2 o'clock when John Ransome entered the lawyer's office. "I didn't bring the keys," he apologized. "You see—I've found the will that leaves everything to me!"

"Where'd you ever locate it?" gasped the lawyer.

"Among the pieces of the antique mirror it had been hidden in," answered John quietly.



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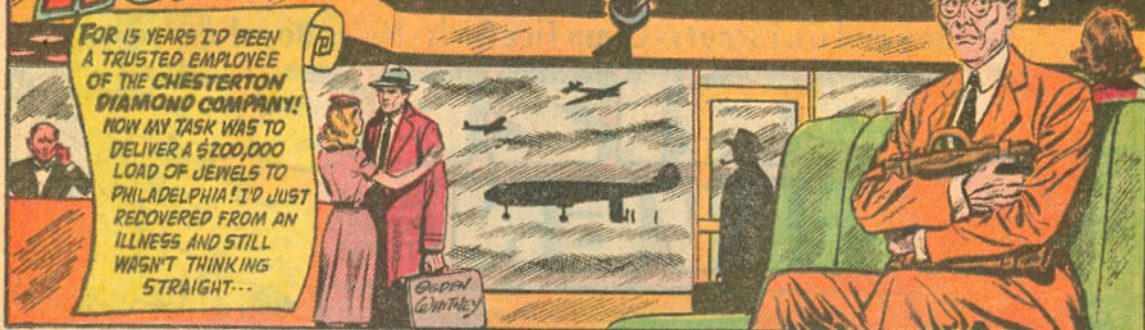
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FLIGHT *into* NOWHERE!

FOG CLOSING IN ON FIELD! FLIGHTS TO PHILADELPHIA AND LOS ANGELES STILL OPEN!

\$200,000! SUPPOSE I DON'T DELIVER IT? SUPPOSE I TAKE THE LOS ANGELES PLANE? I COULD BE RICH...

FOR 15 YEARS I'D BEEN A TRUSTED EMPLOYEE OF THE CHESTERTON DIAMOND COMPANY! NOW MY TASK WAS TO DELIVER A \$200,000 LOAD OF JEWELS TO PHILADELPHIA! I'D JUST REDCOVERED FROM AN ILLNESS AND STILL WASN'T THINKING STRAIGHT...



I'D NEVER HAD A DISHONEST THOUGHT IN MY LIFE, UNTIL NOW... WHEN WITH BECLOUDED MIND...

ONE WAY TO LOS ANGELES, PLEASE!

THE PLANE LEAVES IN THREE MINUTES ON RUNWAY 5... YOU'D BETTER HURRY!



MY HEART BEGAN TO POUND WITH FRIGHT! MISTS WERE SWIRLING ON THE FIELD, AND FEAR CLUTCHED AT MY INSIDES...

I... I MUSTN'T GIVE MYSELF AWAY! I'VE GOT TO KEEP CALM!



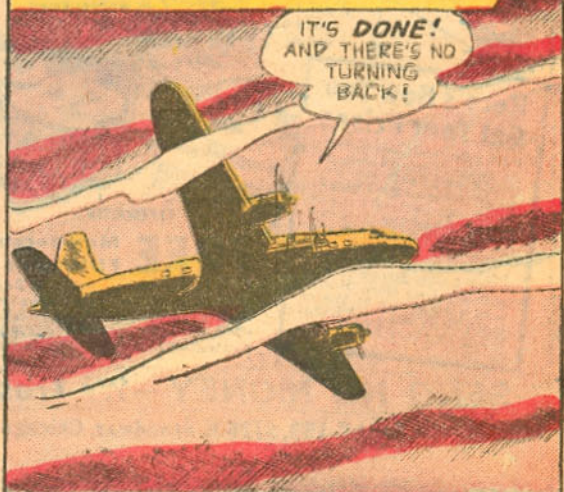
MY KNEES FELT WEAK AND MY HEAD WAS SPINNING AS I STARTED RUNNING FRANTICALLY TOWARD THE PLANE...

WAIT! I'M COMING! HOLD IT!



I FELL INTO MY SEAT HELPLESSLY AND TRIED TO GET A GRIP ON MYSELF! WHEN WE WERE AIRBORNE...

IT'S DONE! AND THERE'S NO TURNING BACK!



I FELT GUILTY, TERRIBLY GUILTY, AND MY FINGERS TWITCHED! THE PASSENGER BESIDE ME SUDDENLY TURNED WITH A STRANGE SMILE...

NERVOUS, ROGER? I DON'T BLAME YOU...YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!

WHA...!



INSTANTLY, ALL HEADS HAD TURNED TO ME, AND THE CABIN WAS FILLED WITH WILD LAUGHTER...

SEE? EVERYBODY KNOWS IT...THE POLICE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO ARRIVE!



I BOUNDED OUT OF MY SEAT LIKE A MANIAC...

WHO ARE YOU? TELL ME!

HE WANTS TO KNOW WHO WE ARE! HA-HA! WE'RE WITNESSES!

WE'LL TESTIFY AGAINST YOU!



NO! NO! PLEASE! TAKE IT... I'M NO CRIMINAL! I--I MUST HAVE BEEN OUT OF MY HEAD!

TOO LATE, ROGER! REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID...THERE'S NO TURNING BACK!



BUT PERHAPS THERE WAS A WAY OUT! FRANTICALLY I RUSHED INTO THE PILOT'S CABIN...

TURN BACK! THERE'S BEEN A TERRIBLE MISTAKE! I TOOK THE WRONG FLIGHT!

SORRY, BUDDY...YOU BOUGHT A ONE-WAY TICKET!



THE PRISONERS' STRIPES THEY WORE... WAS IT AN OMEN OF WHAT I FACED? I KNEW I HAD TO STOP THEM...

I...I'LL MAKE YOU TURN BACK!

HEY! LEGGO THE WHEEL! WE'RE GOING INTO A SPIN!



NEXT MOMENT...

WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!



WE'RE GOING TO CRASH! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!

TAKE IT EASY, MISTER! YOU FAINTED WHILE RUNNING TOWARD THE PLANE!



GROGGILY I GOT TO MY FEET, UNABLE TO BELIEVE MY GOOD FORTUNE! MY NERVES HAD GOTTEN THE BETTER OF ME, AND EVERYTHING I'D EXPERIENCED HAD BEEN JUST A HALLUCINATION... I THOUGHT!

BETTER GET ABOARD, SIR! WE'VE BEEN HOLDING THE LOS ANGELES FLIGHT FOR YOU!

N-NO, THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE! I WANT TO GO TO PHILADELPHIA!



MOMENTS LATER, ANOTHER TICKET PURCHASED...

I'M NO CRIMINAL... I MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY! I'VE GOT A GOOD JOB... I DON'T NEED THESE JEWELS! THANK HEAVENS FOR THIS SECOND CHANCE!



INTENSELY RELIEVED, I TOOK MY SEAT! I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW VIVID MY HALLUCINATION HAD BEEN, HOW VERY REAL... WHEN SUDDENLY...

FASTEN SEAT BELTS, PLEASE!

GOOD HEAVENS! THAT MAN... HE'S THE ONE WHO WAS SITTING BESIDE ME IN THE OTHER PLANE!



NOW I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK! AS THE PLANE STREAKED THROUGH THE SKIES...

PERHAPS I'M GOING MAD! IF THE OTHER PLANE NEVER EXISTED... WHO IS THAT MAN?



THE MAN MADE NO ATTEMPT TO SPEAK TO ME, AND WHEN WE ARRIVED IN PHILADELPHIA, I DELIVERED THE DIAMONDS IMMEDIATELY...

GOOD WORK, ROGER... RELIABLE AS USUAL! ANY TROUBLE GETTING HERE?

N-NO, SIR... NO TROUBLE AT ALL!



NEXT MOMENT...

AH, COME IN, JONES! MEET ROGER SMITH! ROGER, YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT THIS MAN WAS TRAILING YOU!

JUST IN CASE YOU RAN INTO THIEVES, MR. SMITH! AFTER ALL, THERE COULDN'T BE ANY QUESTION OF YOUR HONESTY!

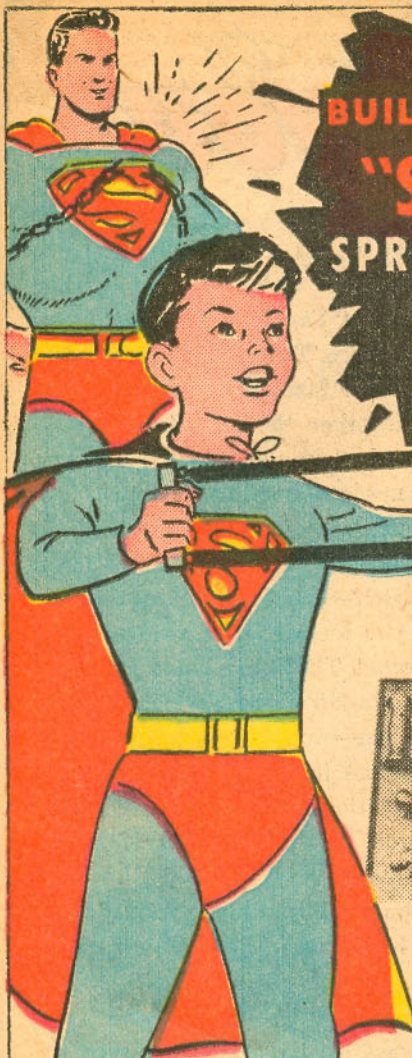


RIGHT... ROGER HERE IS OUR MOST TRUSTED MESSENGER!

SURE! HE'D HAVE TO BE OUT OF HIS MIND TO TRY ANYTHING DISHONEST!



MY HEAD BEGAN TO SPIN AGAIN, FOR I'D NEVER SEEN JONES BEFORE THAT IMAGINARY LOS ANGELES FLIGHT! AND IF MY EXPERIENCE HADN'T BEEN A HALLUCINATION... HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT?

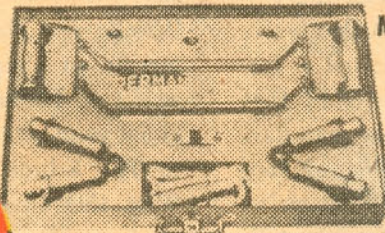


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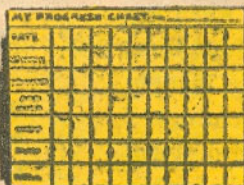
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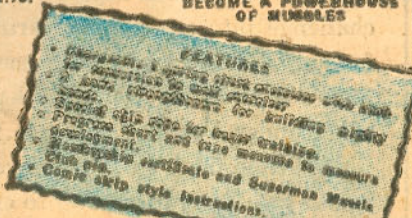
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From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

It beats all, the way time has of flying past. This month, it went so fast that we almost missed this session with you, our favorite folks! That *would* be a tragedy, at least for us—for there's nothing that pleases us better than to meet up with the countless thousands of readers from coast to coast who make up the loyal fans of "*Forbidden Worlds*"! But we *didn't* miss it, and that's what counts. At the last moment, we grabbed our hat and came on the run, and here we are, a little winded, but happy to be on hand to greet you!

We're going to have an interesting session, that's for sure. The reason that we're certain of it is that we've selected a fascinating subject for discussion. And that subject is *challenge*. Not like one man daring another to step across a line, or step outside, or anything like that. What we've got in mind is challenge as far as the telling of a story is concerned. That calls for presenting a plot so cleverly and daringly conceived as to stimulate the reader's imagination. It calls for originality, for narrative that's *different*, for the sort of reading that makes you, and others like you, sit up and take notice. And we, the editors, feel that we've been successful in injecting challenge into one of our yarns when our fans say, "Hey, you've got something here! That's a twist we wouldn't have thought of! Wonder how it's going to turn out!"

Challenge. That's our new byword. it will be our goal from beginning to end of every issue of "*Forbidden Worlds*" that we bring to you. We don't expect to be 100% successful—but it won't be for lack of trying. We've given our writers the green light—and you can be positive that they're durned good, imaginative and creative writers who know what the score is. We've told them what we want—and you, our readers, can

be the jury that decides their effectiveness. We're hoping we hit a high batting average—and we think we've done so in this issue. Let's take "*The Davy Crockett Mystery*," for instance. Thank Heavens for the inspiration of our favorite writer, who skillfully wove together the legends and folk lore which have sprung up about this greatest of all American heroes—and came up with a razzle-dazzle yarn that's challenging from beginning to end! You read it, and you ask yourself—could such things *really* exist? And you know you've read a story that's *different*! The same holds true for "*Stella and the Stranger*", which poses a terrific problem—would *you* sell out the world to become its ruler? We'd like to know your reactions to these stories. Write to The Editor, "*Forbidden Worlds*", 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. If we have room, we'll publish your letter. Meanwhile, here's what some of our other readers are saying!

"Dear Editor:—

I've always liked reading '*Forbidden Worlds*', and feel that it's by far the best magazine of its type published. Please tell me how I can go about getting a subscription. A loyal fan—

—Carol Bowers, Newark, Ohio"

"Dear Editor:—

Just a line to say that I go for the great stories '*Forbidden Worlds*' has been running. They're exciting, interesting and make sense.

—Steven Clark, New York, N. Y."

"Dear Editor:—

I'm a reader of many comics, but I feel that '*Forbidden Worlds*' is at the top of the heap. I like your covers and your drawing throughout. The same goes for the stories you run—congratulations!

—William O. Players, Austin, Tex."

The HAND of FATE!

THE TIME: DECEMBER 23, 1944... THE PLACE, BELEAGUERED BASTOGNE, DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE...



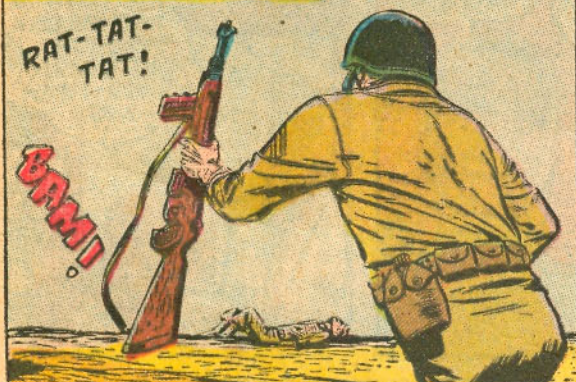
HELP!
HELP!

SOMEONE WOUNDED
OUT THERE...AND THEY'VE
GOT US PINNED DOWN!

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE
HIM THERE! GIVE ME SOME
COVERING FIRE...I'M GO-
ING AFTER HIM!

HARRY LAZARUS

SGT. JACK MILLER HAD NEVER CONSIDERED HIMSELF ESPECIALLY BRAVE, BUT HIS ACT WAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST HEROISM...



RAT-TAT-
TAT!

BAM!

HE MANAGED TO REACH THE SIDE OF THE WOUNDED GI...



HE'S UNCON-
SCIOUS...JUST A KID,
TOO! NOW IF ONLY I
HAVE SOME LUCK
GETTING HIM
BACK!

LUCK WAS WITH HIM...



YOU SAVED HIS
LIFE, SARGE...YOU
MUST'VE BEEN BORN
WITH A HORSE-
SHOE IN YOUR
MOUTH!

CUT THE
GAB! WE'VE
GOT TO GET HIM
TO THE BATTALION
AID STATION!

WAR MOVES SWIFTLY, AND MILLER NEVER EVEN LEARNED THE FATE OF THE SOLDIER HE HAD SAVED! THREE MONTHS LATER, FIGHTING IN THE HEART OF GERMANY...



MILLER'S
BEEN
HIT!

HE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS IN AN ARMY HOSPITAL...



I'M BLIND-FOLDED! DOES THAT MEAN...MY EYES...?

EASY, SERGEANT... WE'RE DOING WHAT WE CAN!

THE ARMY DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RESTORE HIS SIGHT...BUT IT PROVED HOPELESS...



ISN'T THERE A CHANCE... SOME OPERATION PERHAPS...?

YOU'VE HAD FOUR ALREADY! I'M SORRY...BUT AT THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE'S NOTHING ANYBODY CAN DO!

NINE LONG YEARS PASSED...



I HATE TO SEE YOU BROODING LIKE THIS, DARLING!

WHY SHOULDN'T I BROOD? I'M USE-LESS!

SUDDENLY, A RAY OF HOPE APPEARED...

DR. IVES, I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'VE DEVELOPED A NEW OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUE ON CASES SUCH AS MY HUSBAND'S! WE CAN'T AFFORD VERY MUCH, BUT...

I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT MY FEE, MRS. MILLER! THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO RESTORE YOUR HUSBAND'S SIGHT... IF POSSIBLE!



IT WAS A LONG SHOT, BUT YOUNG DR. IVES ELECTED TO OPERATE! THOUGH ALREADY FAMOUS, HE HAD ONLY BEEN OUT OF MEDICAL SCHOOL SIX YEARS...



WELL, THE TIME HAS COME TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT'S BEEN A SUCCESS! A PRAYER WOULDN'T HURT, MRS. MILLER!

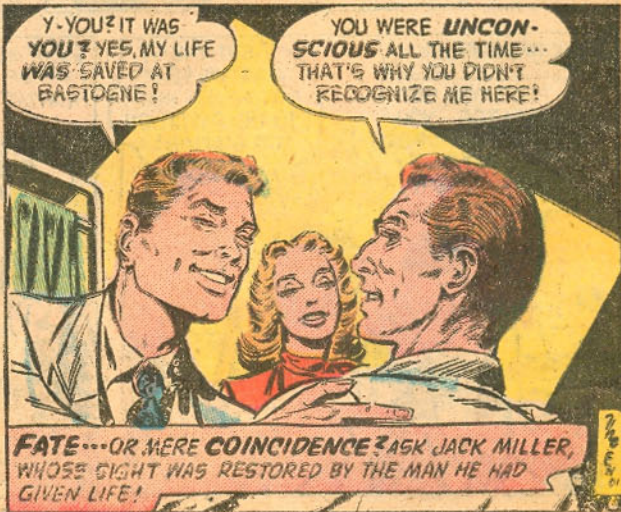
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING FOR NINE YEARS, DOCTOR...PRAYING!

WHEN THE BANDAGES WERE REMOVED...



WELL...CAN YOU...SEE?

DOC! I...I...NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I CAN SEE! AND YOU...YOU'RE THE MAN WHOSE LIFE I SAVED AT BASTOGNE!

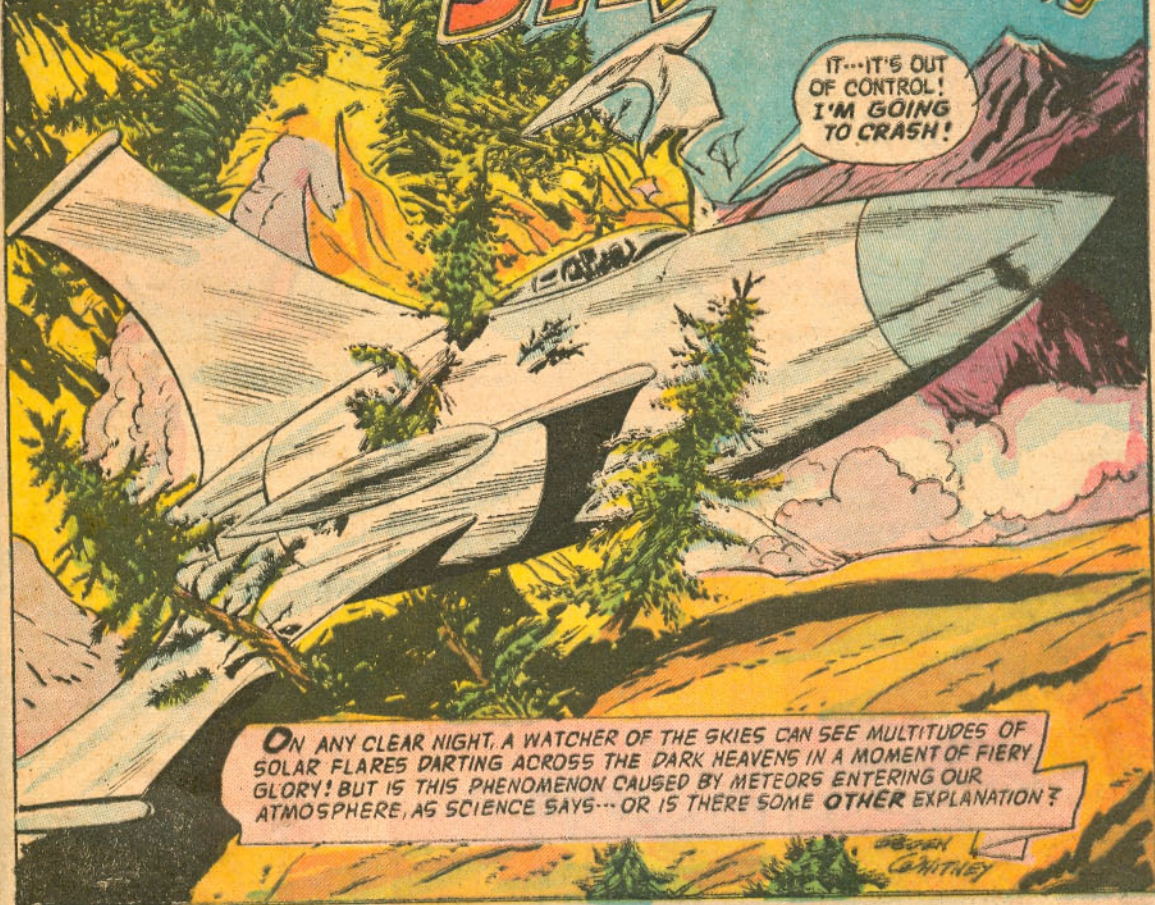


Y-YOU? IT WAS YOU? YES, MY LIFE WAS SAVED AT BASTOGNE!

YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS ALL THE TIME... THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME HERE!

FATE...OR MERE COINCIDENCE? ASK JACK MILLER, WHOSE SIGHT WAS RESTORED BY THE MAN HE HAD GIVEN LIFE!

Stella AND THE STRANGER!

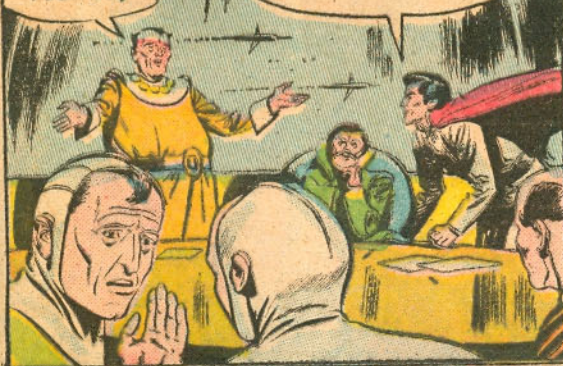


ON ANY CLEAR NIGHT, A WATCHER OF THE SKIES CAN SEE MULTITUDES OF SOLAR FLARES DARTING ACROSS THE DARK HEAVENS IN A MOMENT OF FIERY GLORY! BUT IS THIS PHENOMENON CAUSED BY METEORS ENTERING OUR ATMOSPHERE, AS SCIENCE SAYS... OR IS THERE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION?

TRILLIONS OF MILES BEYOND THE GALAXY WE CALL THE MILKY WAY IS THE PLANET LEPTORA, ON WHICH CLIMATIC CONDITIONS MAKE LIFE POSSIBLE...

GENTLEMEN, GENTLEMEN... MODERATION, PLEASE!

I KNOW I AM **RIGHT!** AFTER ALL, WHO UNDERSTANDS FRICTION FACTORS BETTER THAN I?



THE HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND POLITICIANS HAD GONE ON FOR HOURS... AND ALL WERE OPPOSED TO THE THEORY OF THE BRILLIANT YOUNG TRAINE...

AS MINISTER OF WAR, I OPPOSE SENDING ANY FURTHER SCOUTING PARTIES TO THE PLANET **EARTH!** WE'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR 30 YEARS... AND LOST EVERY ROCKET!

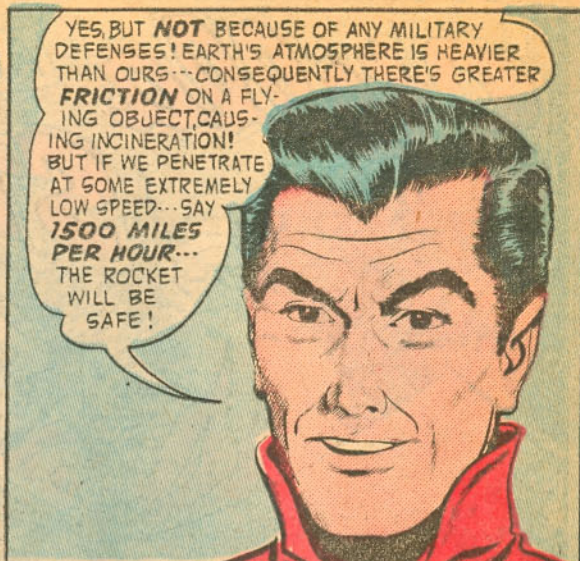
BUT I'VE EXPLAINED WHY!





WE KNOW THAT EARTH IS FIT FOR COLONIZATION...AND I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE CONQUERING IT!

WELL, I'M **NOT!** THEIR SCIENCE **MUST** BE AS GOOD AS OURS! OUR ROCKETS HAVE BEEN BURNED TO ASHES BEFORE THEY COULD EVEN LAND!



YES, BUT **NOT** BECAUSE OF ANY MILITARY DEFENSES! EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IS HEAVIER THAN OURS...CONSEQUENTLY THERE'S GREATER **FRICTION** ON A FLYING OBJECT, CAUSING INCINERATION! BUT IF WE PENETRATE AT SOME EXTREMELY LOW SPEED...SAY **1500 MILES PER HOUR**...THE ROCKET WILL BE **SAFE!**

ON AND ON WENT THE DISPUTE, TILL FINALLY...

TRAINE, WE ALL DISAGREE WITH YOU...BUT SINCE YOU'RE SO **SURE** YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU CAN MAKE THE TRIP YOURSELF...IN A **ONE-MAN ROCKET!**

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT...THAT'S ALL I ASK!



AS THE CONFERENCE BROKE UP...

YOUNG TRAINE IS AMBITIOUS...AND RUTHLESS! I BELIEVE HE CONSIDERS US ALL FOOLS!

HE'S GOT A HARD CHARACTER...FRANKLY, I DISLIKE HIM!



WHILE HIS ROCKET WAS BEING FITTED FOR ITS LONG JOURNEY, TRAINE BEGAN TO ACCUSTOM HIMSELF TO THE OXYGEN DENSITY HE WOULD ENCOUNTER ON EARTH...

STILL IN THE CHAMBER, EH? TELL ME, TRAINE, SUPPOSE THEY **DO** HAVE AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION!

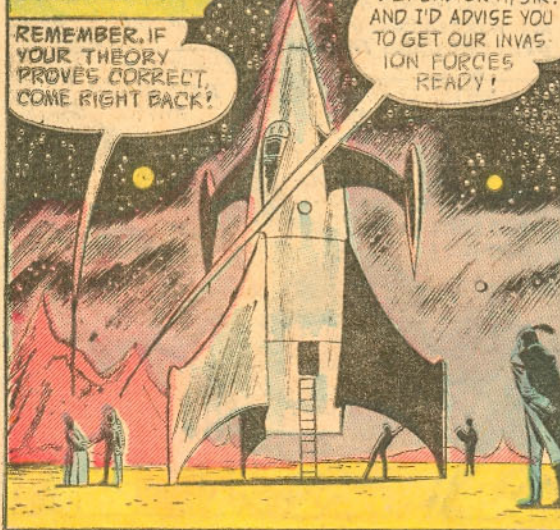
BUT THEY DON'T! I'VE SEEN METEORS FROM SPACE BURN TO A CRISP IN THEIR ATMOSPHERE...JUST LIKE OUR SHIPS! THE WHOLE TRICK IS NOT TO ENTER IT TOO FAST!



WEEKS LATER...

REMEMBER, IF YOUR THEORY PROVES CORRECT, COME RIGHT BACK!

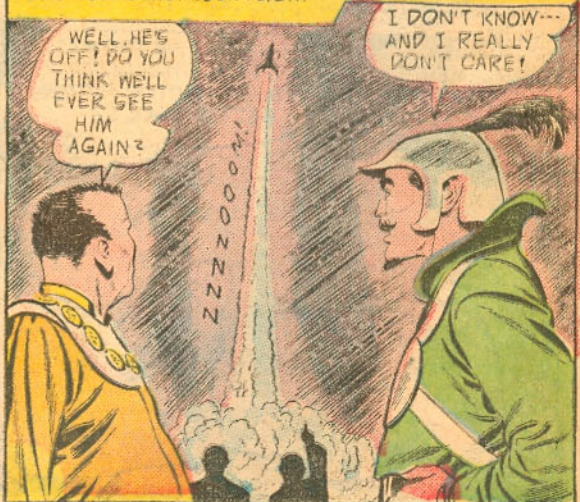
DEPEND ON IT, SIR! AND I'D ADVISE YOU TO GET OUR INVASION FORCES READY!



THERE WAS ONLY A LOW, SMOOTH DRONE AS THE IMMENSELY POWERFUL ROCKET TOOK FLIGHT...

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AH, THERE'S SATURN... ALMOST MISSED IT! EARTH'LL BE COMING UP SOON!



TRANE CUT SPEED SHARPLY AS HIS DESTINATION CAME INTO VIEW! FOR HOURS HE CIRCLED THE EDGE OF THE ATMOSPHERE AGAIN AND AGAIN...

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I... I **DID IT!** THERE'S PLENTY OF BUFFETING AND FRICTION... BUT NOTHING SERIOUS! I WAS **ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!**



HIS ORDERS WERE TO RETURN TO LEPTORA INSTANTLY, BUT HIS CURIOSITY FORCED HIM DOWN FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EARTH...

HMMM, QUITE INTERESTING VEGETATION! STRANGE SORT OF CLOUD AHEAD... WONDER WHAT IT CAN BE!



HE HAD RUN INTO RISING **GROUND FOG**... COMMON TO THE COLORADO ROCKIES! BUT TO TRANE IT WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE...

CAN'T SEE A THING... NOTHING LIKE THIS ON LEPTORA! BETTER GET SOME ALTITUDE... **FAST!**



BUT IT WAS TOO LATE! NEXT MOMENT!

WHAT THE...! I'VE HIT SOMETHING!





I...I'M GOING TO CRASH!



AY...MY ARM...IT FEELS BROKEN! BLAZES, WHAT DO I DO NOW? THE ROCKET'S SEVERELY DAMAGED...IT'LL TAKE WEEKS TO REPAIR!

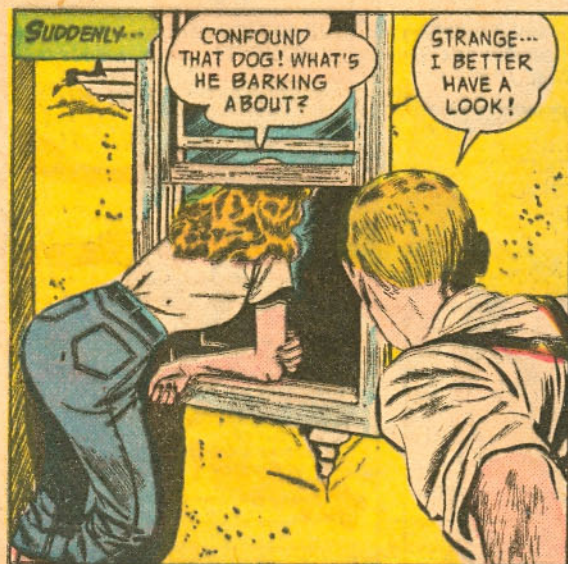


I HATE LIVING HERE ON THIS TUMBLEDOWN SHEEP RANCH! I WANT TO GO AWAY... MEET PEOPLE... START LIVING!

PLEASE, STELLA, ALL I'VE GOT IN THE WORLD IS YOU! THINGS'LL GET BETTER FOR US...YOU'LL SEE!



DON'T YOU EVER THINK ABOUT ANYONE BUT YOURSELF?



CONFOUND THAT DOG! WHAT'S HE BARKING ABOUT?

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IT...IT'S A MAN! HE'S HURT!

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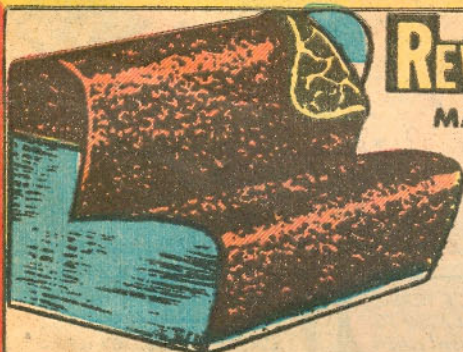
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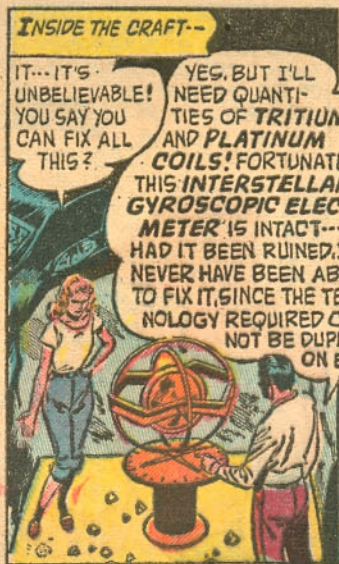
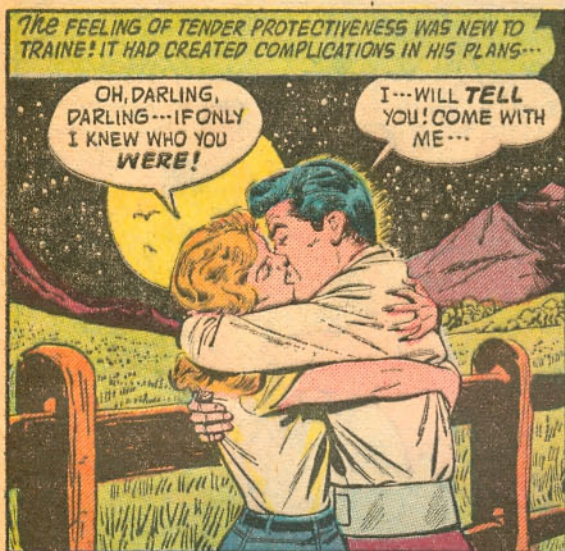
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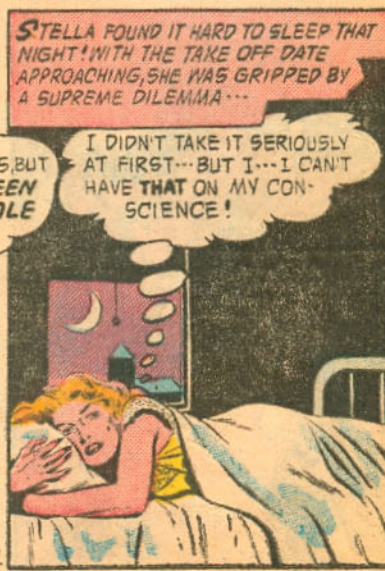
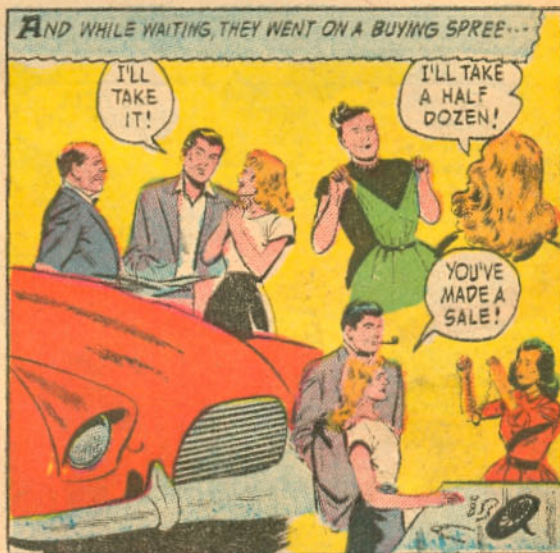
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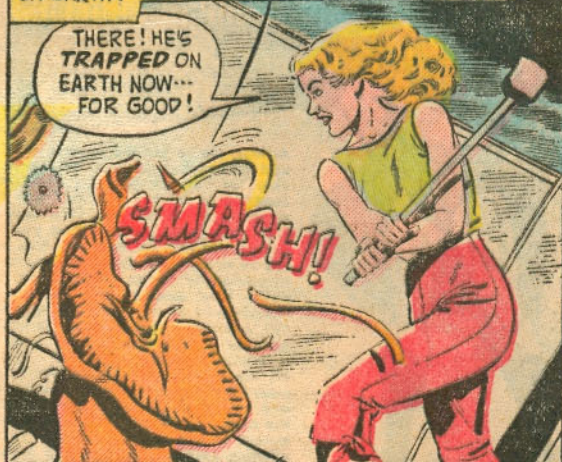


IT WAS TOWARD DAWN THAT SHE CAME TO A DECISION...



HE MAY HATE ME FOR WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO... BUT I'VE GOT NO CHOICE! MAYBE I WAS AMBITIOUS, REACHING FOR THE MOON! BUT I DON'T WANT THE EARTH... NOT AT THAT COST!

THE INTERSTELLAR GYROSCOPIC ELECTRO-METER! SHE REMEMBERED WHAT TRAIANE HAD SAID... THAT IF DESTROYED, IT COULD NEVER BE REPLACED ON EARTH!



THERE! HE'S TRAPPED ON EARTH NOW... FOR GOOD!

HOURS LATER, WHEN SHE TOLD HIM WHAT SHE HAD DONE...



YOU WHAT? I... I OUGHT TO... YOU FOOL!

CAN'T YOU SEE? I LOVE YOU... BUT I'D HAVE TO BE INSANE, CRUEL TO LET YOU GO THROUGH WITH IT!

FRANTICALLY, TRAIANE RAN TO INSPECT THE DAMAGE...

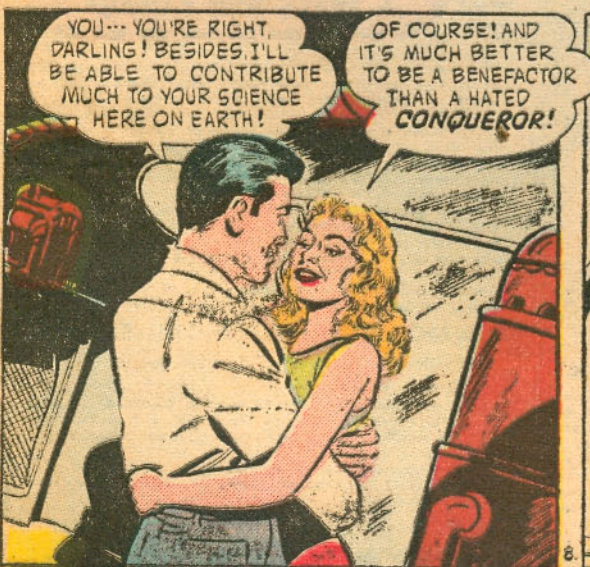
IT'S HOPELESS! I COULD NEVER REPAIR THAT! STELLA, DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?



YES, AND I'M GLAD! DARLING, LOVING YOU HAS MADE A BETTER PERSON OF ME! I DON'T WANT TO BRING ANY TRAGEDY TO THE WORLD!

THEN... WHAT IS THERE LEFT FOR ME... NOW?

OUR LOVE! FORGET WHAT YOU CAME HERE FOR... AND LET'S LIVE A LIFETIME OF HAPPINESS... TOGETHER!



YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT, DARLING! BESIDES, I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO YOUR SCIENCE HERE ON EARTH!

OF COURSE! AND IT'S MUCH BETTER TO BE A BENEFACITOR THAN A HATED CONQUEROR!

ON LEPTORA, THREE YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE TRAIANE'S DEPARTURE...



HIS THEORY WAS WRONG! HE'LL NEVER RETURN!

YES, THE SCIENCE OF EARTH MUST BE AT LEAST AS GOOD AS OURS! WE'D BETTER FORGET ABOUT EVER INVADING THE PLANET... IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

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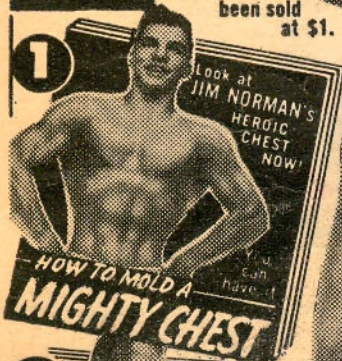
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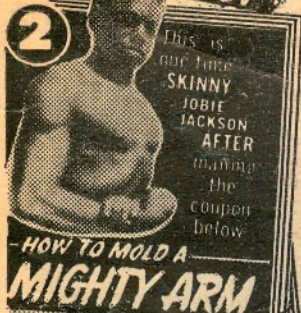
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